

**Keeping the Stewardship Message Alive**



Tips for Successful and Ongoing Stewardship Formation in the Parish



**Today's Workshop**

- What is Stewardship Formation
- Grounded in Christ
- Hospitality is Foundational
- Ongoing Call to Gratitude
- General Formational Opportunities
- Practical Anchors of Formation
- Practical Applications

**What is Stewardship Formation**

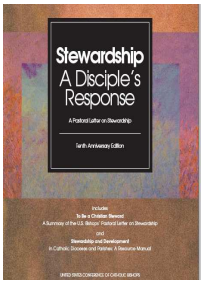

Webster says: formation is the act of forming or creating something

*Once one professes to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option.*

*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response p.1*

**What we do as Christian Stewards:**

- Receive God's gifts gratefully
- Cherish and tend God's gifts in a responsible and accountable manner
- Share God's gifts in justice and love with all
- Return them with increase to the Lord

**Let us build our lives on the rock who is Christ.**

Pope Francis tweeted March 7, 2015



In the end, we need to:  
*“Know the Main thing,  
Love the Main thing,  
and keep the Main thing the Main thing.”*  
Adapted from Stephen Covey/Bishop Robert Morneau

## Hospitality

Learning to see others through the lenses of Christ opens our hearts and changes everything.

- Understanding that the people in your parish and local communities are not labels but are people of story and experience
- When we are together at Mass, we belong to each other and need to be present to each other



True love is always contemplative, and permits us to serve the other not out of necessity or vanity but because he or she is beautiful above or beyond mere appearances.

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## Ongoing Call to Gratitude



I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile. May we joyfully witness to our faith. Pope Francis tweeted 1-30-14

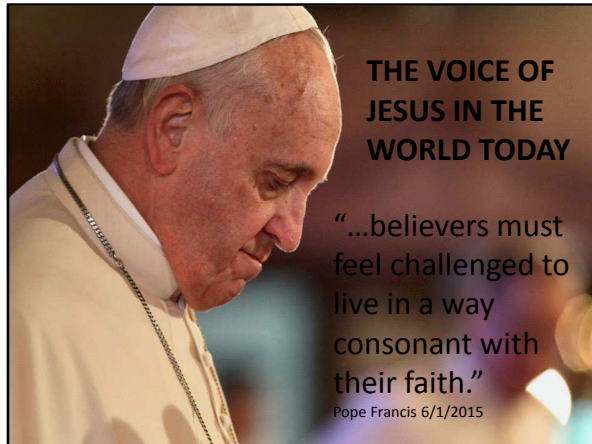


*Be Grateful!*

**Smile with your life!**

Giving your parish community the opportunity to react with time, talent and treasure to what is unfolding around you.





### Making the Connections at Mass

**Eucharist Prayer II**  
It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks

**Rite of Blessing**  
Almighty Lord and God, who are the source and origin of all life,

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**  
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you

**The Lord's Prayer**  
Give us this Day our Daily Bread

### Stewardship in Every Liturgical Season

**LENT**  
— 40 Days Of Renewal —

**THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST**

Christ is risen  
He is risen indeed  
The Season of Easter

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### Remembering the Saints

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### January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	<b>Stewardship in Every Secular Season</b>					
12	<b>Bringing to life the sacred—the call to stewardship:</b> New Years Day, Valentines Day, Memorial Day, Presidents Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Grandparents Day, Voting Day, Thanksgiving Day					
19						
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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**Practical Anchors of Formation**

- Stewardship Committee
- Concrete Stewardship Plan
- Annual Renewals for *Time, Talent, Treasure*



**Practical Applications that Permeate the Message of Stewardship**



As you incorporate best practices into your stewardship effort, it will be important to use consistent language and have a consistent message.

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**STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION/CATECHESIS**

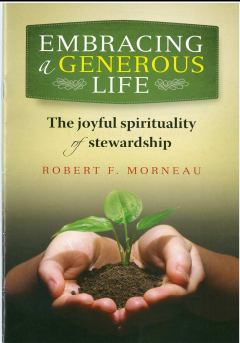
**PLAN TO SHARE THE MESSAGE WITH ALL AGES**



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Sometimes an invitation to another to consider becoming part of the stewardship movement can be an small (23 pgs.) but inspired resource. Then a discussion over coffee and dessert can set the stage for the Holy Spirit to work and the discernment process to begin.



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**HELPING INDIVIDUALS DISCOVER THEIR UNIQUE GIFTS AND FINDING A PLACE TO SERVE**



**PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of SERVICE. Pope Francis WYD 2013




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**HIGHLIGHTING CREATION**

Beyond simply appreciating natural beauty, there is an active stewardship of ecological concern. Ecological stewardship means cultivating a heightened sense of human interdependence and solidarity.

Stewardship:  
A Disciple's Response p. 26

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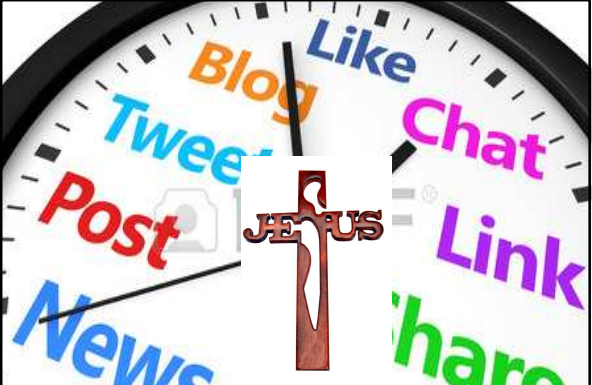
Nurturing and cherishing creation is a command God gives not only at the beginning of history, but to each of us. It is part of his plan; it means causing the world to grow responsibly, transforming it so that it may be a garden, a habitable place for everyone. Pope Francis 6/5/13

**MAKING STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE VISIBLE AND INVITING**

Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits. Pope Francis 4/6/15



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**REMEMBERING**

**A Plan for Stewardship**

Having a concrete 2 to 3 year stewardship plan with goals and objectives helps a parish to be more successful.



make a joyful noise



Be Grateful | Pray | Serve | Share



Thank you for all you  
do for our Church!



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